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1. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENT L.1 FOR AGENDA ITEM 7 TRANSMITTED SEPTELS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOCUMENT L.10 FOR AGENDA ITEM 8: DOCUMENTATION CONSISTS OF 21 PAGES OF WHICH PP 7-21 ARE DUMMY TABLES SHOWING SOURCES AND USES OF VARIOUS ENERGY FORMS, POWER PLANT CAPACITIES, ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN DOMESTIC SECTOR AND IN INDUSTRY, PROCESSING PLANTS INPUTS AND OUTPUTS AND CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY COMMODITY AND SECTOR.

3. PAPER AND ANNEX "TREAT NEED FOR INNOVATION IN STATISTICS COMMENSURATE WITH SCALE AND SERIOUSNESS OF ENERGY PROBLEMS, UTILITY OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ENERGY ACCOUNTS AND APPLICATION OF MORE SOPHISTICATED ENERGY STATISTICS TO POLICY MAKING". PAPER EXPLAINS NEED FOR DATA ON RESOURCES, PRODUCTION, IMPORTS, EXPORTS, GROSS CONSUMPTION OR GROSS INLAND AVAILABILITY, CONSUMPTION FOR CONVERSION OR TRANSFORMATION, PRODUCTION OF SECONDARY ENERGY AND FINAL CONSUMPTION, OR NET INLAND AVAILABILITY.

4. SHEMA OMITS NON-COMMERCIAL ENERGY SOURCES SUCH AS FUEL WOOD, BABASSE, ANIMAL DUNG, PADDY HUSK, ETC. TIMELINESS OF DATA EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.

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5. OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTIC OF WORLD ENERGY SYSTEM IS INTER-DEPENDENCE; NO COUNTRY OR REGION IS WHOLLY SELF-SUFFICIENT. THEREFORE STATISTICS MONITORING REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ENERGY TRENDS IMPORTANT.

6. OUTLINE IS THEN PRESENTED TO INDICATE SIMPLE FORM OF ENERGY ACCOUNTING. THIS PROFILE IS READILY COMPUTERIZED. COMMODITY PROFILES IN TABLES 1-7 NOVE VERTICALLY FROM PRODUCTION THROUGH END USE AND HORIZONTALLY THROUGH SELECTED TIME PERIOD. THERE MAY BE DISCREPANCIES. DATA ARE COMPILED FROM PRIMARY SOURCES AND SECOND SET OF PROFILES IS PREPARED WITH DATA CONVERTED TO COMMON UNIT (E.G. TONS COAL EQUIVALENT, BPD OIL EQUIVALENT, ETC.).

7. ENERGY SECTION PROFILES IN TABLES 7 AND 9-13 ARE CONSTRUCTED FROM COMMODITY PROFILES AND FINAL CONSOLIDATED COMMODITY/SECTOR SUMMARY IN TABLE 14 IS PREPARED TO PRESENT OVERVIEW OF MAIN FEATURES OF ENERGY ECONOMY.

8. CONCLUSION: KEY TO EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND POLICY-MAKING IN ENERGY ECONOMY IS AVAILABILITY OF ACCURATE SYNOPSES OF INDIVIDUAL SECTORS, AN OVERVIEW OF TOTAL SCENARIO AND IN PARTICULAR OF USES AND FLOWS OF PARTICULAR COMMODITIES THROUGH END USE. PAPER REPRESENTS LONG-TERM GOAL. ENERGY BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SEVEN WORKS ATTACHED.
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